TOOTH POWDER

There is no Beauty
that can stand the disfigurement of bad

FORMER LEADER OF THE BRITISH ARMY IS DEAD

Duke of Cambridge, Cousin of the Late Queen Victoria, Passes Away.

FOR

LONDON, March 17 .- The Duke of Cambridge died peacefully at Gloucester House, his Georgian residence on Park lane, at 10 o'clock this morning. He had been confined to his house for several weeks, but until compelled to take to his bed he was about with his accustomed activity, being, as was his custom, a constant attendant at functions of a national or charitable char-

King Edward and Queen Alexandra had been constant visitors to the sickroom, while the duke's sons, Admiral and Colonel bedside. Although the cancellation of the gizing the duke's devotion to the service of his country and expressed in behalf of United States Ambassador Choate, the other ambassadors and ministers and many peers and members of the House of Commons called at Gloucester House in the course of the afternoon.

It is expected that the remains of the duke will be buried at Kew. An imposing military display will be made at the funeral.

George William Frederick Charles, the second Duke of Cambridge, cousin of the late Queen Victoria, was born March 26, 1819. He was one of the greatest military men in the British army, having worked his way from the rank of colonel in 1837 to with distinction in the Crimean war and won many decorations for his valiant serv-ice. The Duke of Cambridge was unlike his royal cousins in many respects. As the quality of his voice, almost entirely free from guttural sounds, was strikingly unlike that of the late Queen Victoria's sens, so was his intenation distincty and purely English, and as a clear, conerent and impressive speaker in public he had few equals. It was, perhaps, due to touch of the foreign accent so remarkable

good, if hardly so perfect as his English and German; but in whatever language he was called upon to address an audience he never prepared his speeches. The Duke of Cambridge was a perfect master of that important part of the metier de prince which consists in never forgetting anybody. Doubtless much of this unruffled demeanor was due, first, to natural tindness and generosity, and, secondly, to an extremely methodical life, which permitted of proper attention being paid to everything and everybody, without bustle

in the royal family; yet he spoke Ger-man perfectly without the faintest English

accent. His French was also remarkably

or hurry of any kind. One of the most endearing qualities of the duke was his keen affection for his family. The portrait of his venerable mother, painted by Von Angeli, occupied a prominent position in his own room, and the numerous boxes and trinkets used by his father were tenderly put under glass and preserved. His diamond sword, presented by the Shah of Persia, and another given by the city of London, were worn by

Up to the present year the duke retained much of his old-time activity and despite his great age he always participated in the shooting parties at his place, Six-mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire, and enjoyed entertaining and being entertained. Although he was imbued with old-world conservatism, he was undoubtedly a popular figure with the masses, and even his prejudiced opposition to the modernization and democratization of the army failed to decrease the affection with which all ranks regarded

their old commander-in-chief.

The title Duke of Cambridge died with the natic marriage. His death also places at the disposal of the King a field marshal's baton as well as an Order of the Garter. It is not generally known to the present generation that the Duke of Cambridge's wife was a burlesque actress and dancer, EMPEROR WILLIAM TO named Farebrother. She was very wellknown in 1840 or thereabouts, and made a great sensation playing in burlesque at the am theater, one died in 1890. Neither peerage or other reference books mention her marriage, which was not recognized officially by Queen Victoria, although the latter visited Mrs. Fitzgeorge. The Duke of Cambridge is supposed to have been wealthy. On the death of his father Parliament gave the duke an allowance of \$60,000 per annum. As commanderin-chief the duke received a salary of \$22,500 colonel-in-chief of the Grenadier Guards, the duke received \$11,100 per year, while numerous other appointments brought him n good revenues

CHICAGO AGAIN SWEPT

BY BIG SNOWSTORM CHICAGO, March 17.-In a furious snow-

storm to-day enough snow fell to make the total for the winter more than break all BEBEL SAYS WHITES previous records in Chicago. The season several weeks ago was officially declared the coldest ever known here. As a result of teday's storm the elevated railroads of the city were brought to a standstill for two hours, discommoding thousands of passen-

Liberals Win a Seat.

LONDON, March 17 .- The polling yesterday for a candidate to fill the vacancy in the parliamentary division of East Dorset, caused by the accession of Humphrey N. Sturt to the peerage, on the death of his father, Lord Alington, resulted in a vic-tory for the Liberals, C. H. Lyell, the Liberal candidate, defeating Mr. Van Raalte, MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS the candidate of the Conservatives, by 82 In the previous election in the east division

No Alliance Formed. BUENOS AYRES, March 17 .- The govern-

ment has categorically dealed the statement lished in New York that an alliance has en formed of South American nations statement referred to, and declared that Argentina is tranquil and content to continue on terms of amity with the United

Evacuation Day at Boston.

BOSTON, March 17 .- The one-hundredand-twenty-eighth anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British troops was observed here to-day, In South Boston, where the day has been yearly celebrated, the occasion was of additional significance, as it was the centennial anniversary of the annexation of South Boston to Boston. The ruest of honor was Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody.

Dr. Andrews in Sanitarium. LINCOLN, Neb., March 17 .- Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of Nebraska University, who but recently was able to leave Chicago hospital to return to Lincoln, was this evening taken to a sanitarium. Dr.

DRAMATIC DEATH OF GEN. H. H. THOMAS AT CHICAGO

Created Scene When Removed Was Secretary to President Clevefrom Office and Died While Making Pension Application.

who recently was ousted as federal ap- Thurber, a well-known attorney of this praiser at the port of Chicago, dropped city, who was secretary to President Cleve- warns me against one of the ladies of the abandoned his secret policy, and would dead to-day. Heart disease is supposed to land during his second term, died to-day suite-I am telling you this purposely, have handed over the sullen, silent aid-

The removal of General Thomas from of- since he was stricken with appendicitis and trothed with revolutionary leanings. fice a few weeks ago was one of the most operated upon Feb. 28. He rallied from picturesque incidents known in politics here. | the operation well and was apparently out Seated under the folds of a United States of danger. Monday night, however, he was flag General Thomas remained at his desk stricken with severe pains in his chest. refusing to give way until dispossessed by | Examination showed that a blood clot had the actual arrival of his successor, Luman T. Hoy, who was the manager of the campaign that resulted in the election of United States Senator Albert J. Hopkins. SONS | The reason assigned for the removal was the desirability of securing a more vigorous administration of the office, but General Thomas maintained that the motive for the change was purely political and that the for private secretary by Mr. Dickinson, and affairs of the appraiser's office were being handled with an efficiency above the average. The issue was made the subject of an | dent appeal to President Roosevelt and a controversy with Secretary Shaw.

The death of General Thomas was as dramatic as his removal. He had served in the civil war, but had never made an application for a pension while in receipt of other income. To-day, after ineffectual efforts to secure other work he was in a Fitzgeorge, were almost incessantly at his lawyer's office preparing a pension application. It was while thus engaged that General Thomas fell dead. He had weakened visibly during the last month. Upon arhas been ordered, the death of the duke | riving at the lawyer's office he sank into will not affect their 'Majesties' proposed a chair, panting and out of breath. He visits to Denmark and Ireland. In the seemed to recover, "I have come to inquire House of Commons to-day both Premier about a pension," he said at last. His chair was drawn up to a table and he was

He was appointed appraiser of the House sympathy for the royal family. the port of Chicago by President Mc-Kinley several years ago, and served continuously until removed from the position by President Roosevelt within the last month. He was adjutant general under Governor Brownlow, of Tennessee, in the civil war, and was subsequently speaker of the Illinois Legislature.

CHINESE SEA COOK

MADE WILD SPRINT

Slipped from the Steamer Newcastle at Philadelphia and Dashed for the Land of Freedom.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.-When the eil steamship Newcastle arrived in the bidden land. The officers of the vessel also the fact that his father was an English- cast a look, but of a different sort, at Yee. man, that his speech was free from any If he slipped away into the forbidden land impose a fine of \$500. Chinamen come high, but they are good cooks, albeit they require | home in this city to-day, aged seventy-two When the cosmopolitan crew of the Newcastle-Japs, French, Norwegians,

Swedes, English and Lascars-set forth at 10 o'clock Sunday morning to attend the services of the Life Line League at Point Breeze, at the invitation of John Hastings, the superintendent, the of Yee Foy followed them-wondering. When the officers of the vessel, headed Captain and Mrs, Williams, departed for the chapel, Yee Foy's almond-shaped optics also followed them-still wonder-

When the officers and seamen had disappeared Yee Foy slipped ashore, entered the building and passed upstairs. Finding a door interposing between him and the forbidden land, he opened it and stepped within. It was not what he expected, The room in which he unexpectedly found himself was filled-with his officers, the ship's men and many unfamiliar faces. He rose, opened the door and passed out. As he did so his chief officer looked up and saw a queue vanishing through the doorway. "Five hundred dollars!" gasped the chief officer, and he, too, vanished

through the door, Yee Foy, standing below in front of the uilding, heard footsteps behind him. An instant later his bare feet were pattering out Passyung avenue. Chief Officer Howison thought of that \$500, and ran faster For two blocks the chase continued. Suddenly one of Yee's unprotected big toes came in violent contact with a brick that lay in his path. A howl of pain escaped him. He stopped, grasped the injured member in his hands, and the next instant the chief officer had the Chinaman's queue firmly grasped in his hand. He thought of the \$500 he had saved and led the captive back to the ship in triumph.

of the Cathedral now approaching comple- geons, who assured him that it was possible reading his letter. A fresh ruse for possarcophagus of Prince Bismarck was given long deliberation Leonard finally consented until 1887, and thereafter \$33,160 yearly. As to Professor Begas. The Emperor examined to have the operation performed. and approved the sketches before leaving Berlin. One of the reliefs represents the reunion of Germany, through Prince Bis- the hospital early last week, and on Saturmarck, with the figure of Germania on a threne, the genius of peace standing by and a procession of German princes approach- of a large number of physicians, who had ing with King Ludwig II of Bavaria, King | been attracted by the unusual case. Leon- distant Boris. Albert of Saxony and the Grand Duke of ard was placel under the influence of Baden, etc. At the head of the procession is a page, kneeling, with an imperial table. There, after the face had been laid

CAUSED AFRICAN WAR

BERLIN, March 17.-Herr Bebel, the Soactual value.

NEW YORK, March 17 .- Arrived: Main. of Dorset, Mr. Sturt defeated A. Allen, his from Bremen; Prince Adalbert, from Italian ports; Cedric, from Liverpool. Sailed: Bremen, for Bremen; La Bretagne, for

LIVERPOOL, March 17 .- Sailed: Dominion, for Hallfax and Portland, Me.; Ionian, for Halifax; Bostonian, for Boston. against the United States. President Roca Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen and court to-night entered an order naming fal train rushed across the fertile Galician Southampton, for New York. QUEENSTOWN, March 17 .- Sailed: Majestic, from Liverpool, for New York. BROWHEAD, March 17 .- Passed: Sylvania, from Boston, for Liverpool. DEPTFORD, March 17.-Arrived: Maine, from Baltimore, for London

GLASGOW, March 17 .- Arrived: Numidian, from New York. ALEXANDRIA, March 17.-Sailed: Romanie, for Boston. HAVRE, March 17 .- Arrived: La Lorraine,

from New York. LONDON, March 17.-Arrived: Marquette, from New York.

Will Not Visit World's Fair.

Roosevelt will not attend the formal opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. injured in a premature explosion at the

DEATH OF H. T. THURBER: VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS

land, and Once Lived in Indianapolis.

DETROIT, Mich., March 17 .- Henry T. at St. Mary's Hospital, where he had been formed in his chest and this caused his fifty years ago, and graduated from the University of Michigan with the class of 1874. He then spent a year in Indianapolls, coming to Detroit in 1875, where he entered the law firm of which former Postmaster General Don M. Dickinson was a member when Mr. Cleveland was re-elected for his second term, Mr. Thurber was suggested

private secretary to secretary to the Presi-Mr. Thurber is survived by five children. Mrs. Thurber died five years ago.

Commander W. E., Sewell. WASHINGTON, March 17 .- Commander William E. Sewell, late Governor of the Island of Guam, died this morning at the general hospital, Mare island, Cal., as, a result of testinal disorders. He became ill several weeks ago at Guam and was brought to San Francisco on the station ship Supply, arriving there March 1, since which date he had been under treatment at the hospital.

dynamite cruiser Vesuvius. He reached the borth went on to descant upon the salient in Russia. to the United States a few weeks ago.

Jesse Spalding, Capitalist. CHICAGO, March 17 .- Jesse Spalding, one illness due to stomach trouble. Mr. Spalding was a director of the Union Traction Company and of the Hibernian Bank. He was appointed collector of the port of Chi-cago by President Arthur and later was se-lected by President Harrison as government director of the Union Pacific Railway. He was one of the builders of the canal from Sturgeon bay to Green Bay, Wis., by which navigation of "Death's Door" is avoided. He was seventy-one years old.

Bishop L. M. Fink.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17 .- Bishop L. M. Fink, of the Leavenworth diocese Kansas City, Kan., to-day of pneumonia. He had been hovering between life and death for several days.

Ex-Senator G. C. Moody.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17 .- Gideon C. Moody, who was the first United States senator from South Dakota, died at his

Other Deaths.

SANDUSKY, O., March 17 .- Rev. R. A. Catholic priests in Ohio, died here to-day. aged seventy-six. Deceased was connected with the Ministry here for more than forty years. During the civil war Father Sidley was a chaplain at the federal prison on Johnson's island and ministered to many thousands of Confederate soldiers during

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 17.-Benjamin McCrary, aged sixty, an actor of some renown who supported Henry Irving in two tours of the United States, died here to-day from an attack of the grip. He has been residing at Easton, this State, for four

Carroll, of Parkersburg, W. Va., a geologist, and author of standard works on geology, died suddenly to-day at Waldron, Ark. Mr. Carroll was identified with the early history of the Pennsylvania oil fields.

MAN'S FINGER TAKES

Novel Operation in Philadelphia Hospital-Man Wanted Nasal Appendage Replaced.

formed at the University Hospital. So far the stay of the train to signify present

e entirely successful. BERLIN, March 17.-Emperor William has The patient, a young man named O. Leon- Volborth hastened back to rejoin Boris, begun giving commissions to sculptors for ard, was born practically without a nasal monuments to be placed in the hall of fame organ. He consulted with the hospital sur- aid-de-camp under one of the station lamps willing to sacrifice one of his fingers. After

The young man took up his residence at:

cialist leader, speaking in the Reichstag to- forced to hold his arm and hand in one po- for all preventing the communication from day during the debate on the supplementary sition all the time. The process of grafting being seen by anyone. will occupy about three weeks. When the

RECEIVERS FOR OIL AND LUMBER COMPANIES

permanent the receivership recently made for the Houston Oil Company, of Texas, the wiser. CHERBOURG, March 17 .- Sailed: Kaiser and the Kirby Lumber Company. The receivers as follows:

Lyon, of Sherman, and J. S. Rice, of Hous- car, while everyone was sleeping, to seek ton. Andrews & Ball, attorneys, and J. R. Burnett, special master in chancery. For the Houston Oil Company-Charles Dillingham and F. A. Reichardt, receivers; him that the introduction which had T. H. Franklin, attorney, and Joseph D. placed Anna Tchigorin on the stage at the Sayers, special master.

Father and Son Asphyxiated.

LOUIS, March 17 .- Edward Rauer Tenn., were asphyxiated in a room at a the Tsar was on the soil of his own holy ANTWERP, March 17 .- Sailed: Oxonian, lieved will die. It is believed they blew out the engine was changed, breakfast was the gas by mistake.

One Dead, Four Dying.

By a Hair's Breadth

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A Thrilling Tale of Adventure, Dealing with Life in the Russian Secret Service

By Headon Hill-

This outrageous letter charges your be-

have crossed his mind that of all people in | was assisted by Boris himself, who gradthe world Olga Palitzin had most interest | ually thawed during the forty-mile run in vilifying Ilma were she base enough to from Sdolbunow to Scheptowka, and by do so. He did not believe she was so base, the time the train stopped at the latter but he was all eagerness to convince him- place was chattering gaily once more. self that she was not-again just as Vol-borth had expected. "Show me that writ-Snatching the letter Volborth handed to

appointed. It was while Mr. Thurber was in the office that it was changed from pulled an unopened letter from his tunic. "This is Olga's writing. Compare the two, and confess that your informant lied." So are traps laid for the unwary. It was now Volborth's turn to reach over for the for his inspection. Placing them beside half a mile from the station. Outside the his plate he affected to compare them, and he saw that the letter received by Dubrowski was in Olga's writing, with which | the autocrat whose realms they were leavan inclosure, so that the two differed only

> in the writing. but how to get a sight at the contents was

He so contrived that in passing she should the letters which he had taken in his hand of great age in yonder wood? with the apparent intention of returning them to Boris feil to the floor. At the crashed down on to the letters, copiusly staining them in equal proportions with

Instantly he stooped down to recover the letters, hoping that amid the babel of oreseen promptly arose, and also because the journey.' of Ilma's presence, Boris would forthwith be facilitated by the coffee stains. The cipher of the section would be unintelligiole to Boris when he discovered the "mis-

His grasp had already closed on his own letter, and he was reaching for the more almost touched his own, and lo! the precious missive was spirited away. Regaining his seat he was just in time to see the party, he attached himself to Boris and Ilma handing the letter to its rightful Ilma, and followed the imperial couple out

moiselle," replied Volborth, both literally and figuratively showing his teeth a little. which I shall do my best to repay.'

"You have placed me under an obligation Every one laughed at what was taken for even in the moment of his defeat Volborth scored a minor victory by satisfying himself that his discomfiture was no freak of chance. In his love of keen fence he would have liked to congratulate his fair young antagonist had the issues been less tre-

The countess and her party passed on and a minute later the clang of the warnthe letter must be postponed. For Boris rose and went out on to the platform been permitted to me to shed my blood for where Volborth had to leave him in order to confer with Restofski before the train PLACE OF HIS NOSE started. He found his colleague waiting which he had clutched the basket.

Leaving the priest mumbling the a lamproom at the end of the station-and the supposed Serjov had led to no enlightenment. Restofski had seen the head steward of the Austrian refreshment contractor, the station, Prince Lobanof staggered, reand had gathered that the man had been engaged, with many others, specially for A messenger had been despatched to the PHILADELPHIA, March 17 .- The opera- address which he had given, but had returned with the report that no one answer ing to his description was known there.

HAVE HALL OF FAME as the present indications go it bids fair to danger. Having in turn informed Restofski of and he quickened his steps when far down the long vista of the platform he saw the himself of it had already half formed in Volborth's mind, and then he was

suddenly brought to a standstill by a hand on his shoulder and a voice in his ear-Whither away so fast, stormy petrel?" The speaker was Prince Lobanof, returning to his own compartment from the imperial saloon where he had been dining. "I have very urgent business, if your excellency will excuse me," Volborth replied, directing the prince's gaze to the "Ah!" said Lobanof. "There are new de-

anesthetics and taken to the operating velopments, then? Getting serious eh Well, I will not detain you. crown on a cushion, which he presents to open along the line of the nose, the nail And the distinguished minister passed was removed from the fourth finger of the on, little thinking with what consequences left hand and a portion of the skin of the that twenty second's delay was fraughtfinger scraped away, so as to expose the to himself most of all. When Volborth flesh. Then the finger was grafted upon turned again towards Dubrowski the latter was tearing the letter into a thousand A plaster cast mold was formed around pieces with the air of having thoroughly the newly grafted finger. Until the flesh | mastered the contents. The next moment has grown firmly together this mold will he stepped forward and flung the fragments

Baffled for the second time that night. plaster cast is finally removed the finger Volborth refused to accept final defeat, and set himself to the only possible way marily responsible for the insurrection of Dr. Charles Frazer, who performed the of learning the contents of the letterthe Hereros. The traders, he asserted, per- operation, has every hope for its ultimate that of beguiling the information from suaded the natives to buy on credit articles success. So far as is known there has been | Borls himself. The train started immediwhich they did not require in their mode of only one similar operation in this country, ately, and he stuck close to the aid-deliving, charging 500 per cent. over their and that was at Johns Hopkins Hospital. | camp, following him into the smoking car, This operation, it is understood, was suc- and subjecting him to every subtle device it was all to no avail. By no means he it into a babel of tongues and a medley of could employ, direct or circuitous, could he bring Boris back to the letter. In fact, the young officer had imbibed so freely at dinner that he was disinclined for tete-atete conversation of any sort, and was soon the center of other lively young blades of the hotel on to the pavement sat a man HOUSTON, Tex., March 17 .- In the Fed- the staff, who kept things going merrily till eral Court to-day Judge Burns made bedtime. When the attendant came to say that the sleeping berths were down in the gentlemen's car, Volborth was not one whit

> plains, stopping nowhere but at Jarosiau, and two hours later in the gray dawn at For the Kirby Lumber Company-Cecil A. Lemberg, where Volborth stole from his which was duly forthcoming and informed Hofburg concert hall was denounced by the St. Petersburg impresario as a forgery. tion of Radziwillow, flanked by its chain of frowning forts, was reached, and the his son Peter, from Jackson, familiar uniforms on the platform told that

served in the cars. Everyone was about again now, the ladies in fresh morning tollettes, and the military members of the suite in full dress MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 17 .- John uniforms, ready for the state arrival at Jones was killed and four more mortally | Kieff in the afternoon. Volborth had con-Andrews was far from well on reaching home, and has not since improved. Physicians say his ailment, a severe attack of grip, is not alarming.

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or preoccupied. Volberth fumed inwardly He would have given half he possessed for "Oh, I did not mean flattering in that | the next six hours to be over, for with replied Volborth, with a smile of the Tsar safe in Kieff, hedged in by all genuine amusement at the thought that the normal precautions of the section, as PROBABLY HEART DISEASE W. E. SEWELL ALSO DEAD share might have served as well as only possible on native ground, he himself the one he was setting. "The writer, who- | would be like a boy let out to play. He ever she is, flatters me in the same way has since stated that at this period of the Dubrowski-against Mademoiselle Vassili. de-camp to Restofski in the police car. But he could not well order an officer of the Emperor's staff into arrest for having a strange manner, and the desire to spread suspicion of that sort," Boris exclaimed, his net for the real criminals helped him his better self asserting itself to denounce to master bimself. There was always, too, what he knew was a false accusation the thought of the consternation which an against an innocent girl. And then, as open course would bring to the imperial Volborth had expected, the thought must travelers. And presently his self-control

> "Perhaps he awoke in ill-humor from the wine he drank at Cracow. On the other hand, he may have been puzzling out some problem which he sees clearly at last," aim, he glanced at it and broke into a Volborth thought, as he stepped from the car to stretch his legs with the rest of the "That is no more Olga Palitzin's writing suite. To his surprise Boris, on whom he than it is mine," he said. "See here"—and was in close attendance, at once went up in his zeal to confound the double lie he | to Ilma and commenced to walk the platform at her side. Volborth perforce fell back a little-but not far. Scheptowka is on the edge of the Russian cornland. The landscape was one vast expanse of golden wheat ripening for harletters, and they were at once surrendered vest, broken only by a wood of lime trees

> > iron railings a troop of filthy emigrants

squatted in the dust, patiently waiting till

he was really perfectly familiar. The en- ing should have passed on. The conversarelope bore no stamp or postmarks, the tion with which Boris began volubly to eninference being that it had been inclosed | tertain Ilma had reference, it seemed, to under cover to the individual who had nothing more important than these details delivered it. His own letter had also been of scenery. As he came opposite to the great greenand-gold saloon he halted suddenly and "That grove which you see to the left,"

the problem. In order to gain time, while he said, speaking rather loudly, "is quite During the Spanish war Commander freely admitting that the letters could not have been written by the same hand, Volor Saint Gregory, believed to be the oldest Baifour and the Liberal leader, Sir Henry
Campbell-Bannerman, referred to the death
by a second fainting spell. His head sank
by a second fainting spell spell. His head sank
by a second fainting spell spell. His head sank
by a second fainting spell spe served as naval Governor until his return by old Woronzoff and General de Boisdeffre, peared which caused a general hush upon

had risen from the table where they had the platform. Every man's hand went to dined and were about to return to the train. his headgear in salute; every woman curt-On their way to the door they would have | seyed low. Behind the Tsar stood the to pass close to the table at which Boris and Volborth were sitting. The latter's moned to a conference, smiling benevoquick eye noted that the imposing propor- lently in the background at the sudden cago, died at his home to-day, after a long tions of the countess took up most of the impulse of his sovereign. Boris advanced, space in the alleyway between the tables, clicked his heels, and stood to attention, said the Tsar. "There is, then, an eikon "So I have read, Sire," replied Boris firmly. "I cannot speak from knowledge, same time, to all seeming from the same never having been this way before. Have cause, a cup of black coffee at his side I your Majesty's permission to inquire of the station master?"

> "We will ourselves test the value of your is making a study of cikons, and a little apology and explanation, which as he had sight-seeing will break the monotony of The allusion was to a well-known hobby out away the letter which he would pass of the Tsarina, who, since her "conversion, o him. This would not be the one from had developed a mania for collecting images of the Russian saints. No sooner was the Emperor's intention known than contents of his own letter being in the Volborth contrived a word with Restofski. "Take care," was all he was able to say, "This notion was inspired by our young

But the Tsar made a gesture of dissent.

gathered that there certainly was a shrine tion officials who spread themselves round of the station with the whole suite. The stroll along the dusty road was said the maid of honor, regarding him with soon accomplished, and they passed into a sweet smile. "In saving you the trouble the refreshing shade of the grove, Restof-I have made amends for my mother's acci- ski's men first drawing it, as fox hounds do a covert-and drawing it blank, save for the aged priest whom they found in charge of the eikon. The old man was sitting on the ground by the red stone image when the Tsar and Tsarina with Prince Lobanof approached. From the unconcerned way in which he went on arranging several baskets of roses he did not seem to know his distinguished visitors. But at a few kindly words from the sovereign he rose to his feet and made low obeisance. Having answered the questions put to him about the shrine, and explained that selected the best basket and begged the Tsarina to accept it. Just as her grasp Lobanof intervened, and, seizing the basket insisted in his courtly fashion on carrying it back to the train himself.

"See!" he cried gayly, "the good priest's roses have thorns. Even at my age it has your Majesty." And he pointed to a red drop oozing from one of the fingers with Leaving the priest mumbling thanks for a shower of gold, the party started to relearned that the inquiry set on foot about turn to the station, Volborth still walking with Boris and Ilma a little behind the dignitaries. Suddenly, as they were nearing covered himself, staggered again, and would have fallen had not the Tsar, against whom he lurched, held him up. The court physician pushed his way through the throng, and willing hands bore the stricken man to his saloon carriage, but almost before they laid him down a whisper ran For the rest, nothing had occurred during through the awe-struck suite that the

prince was dying-of heart disease.

Volborth, who in the confusion had someed nimself of the basket and roses which Lobanof had dropped, slipped away, white as a sheet, to where Restofski was standing, quite satisfied with the success from his point of view of the little excursion. The section did not worry about "death by the visitation of God." But at the few words whispered to him by his chief he too turned pale, and summoned three of his assistants.

"Run back to the wood and arrest the priest," he said. "Make no bones about it. Kill him if you cannot eatch him. Five minutes after the Tsar's great servant had breathed his last the men returned. They reported that the priest was not to be found, and inquiry elicited that never within the memory of man had the elkon of Saint Gregory in the wood of Scheptowka been attended by a cleric of its own.

CHAPTER V.

THE FORSAKEN ROOM AT BRESLAU. The hall of the Golden Gans, at Breslau, was full of loungers. The capital of a German province, as distinct from the more fashionable bads and watering places, is usually a center of duliness, enlivened only remain in place, and Leonard will be into a brazier of live charcoal, thus once by the freaks of students and the periodical thunders of local politicians. But on this occasion Breslau, having waked to its importance as the meeting-place of two diplomatists and a good sprinkling of the secret service element, had invaded the capital of Silesia, absorbing every corner that human ingenuity could invent. But of its limited accommodation, and turning

At one of the small circular tables which had overflowed from the crowded hall of All through the summer night the imper- and neat as to his closely trimmed beard the reply spoken now in excellent English. British Foreign Office gaping curiosity was the air of amused

casual spectator, had an interest for the keen gray eyes that watched and noted so quietly and unobtrusively from the table hotel to-day while asleep. When discovered Russia once more. Thence the train sped by the porch. Every type in the throng the son was dead and the father it is be- onward toward Sdolbunow, where, while was individually familiar to Fortescue; the only novelty was the seeing them all- trusted one another accordingly. French and Russian, German, American and English-at the same time in the same And then, suddenly, the contemplative

gaze was exchanged for a stare of puzzled inquiry, rapidly clearing into a half-smile

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happy meeting," he said. The new-comer, a portly, elderly man in the ill-fitting, shoddy garb affected by of a heavy German pipe. "Do not alarm German provincial bankers and merchants, yourself," continued the Englishman, perdrew himself up as one who resents a stranger's intrusion. Then he started in friend's altered features. "It was probably astonishment, his eyes devouring For- what we call in our trade 'a concatenation

"I ze bleasure not haf der know you,

saar. You one great mistake must make," Fortescue's eyes were abrim with merri-"Very well done, my friend, that German-

English was excellent," he said, taking care not to be overheard. "But seriously, my dear Volborth, though I know three years and my beard must make a difference, you have not forgotten Spencer Fortescue and the little affair we worked together at Bel-"Pull your table out of earshot from the I will be back in a moment," was

The seeming merchant disappeared into manner. "Probably an Englishman-un- gestion, moving the table and two chairs doubtedly a gentleman," would have been into greater privacy. He was still smiling the correct verdict of any one with a to think that he, himself unrecognized, a few words with the ever-wakeful Restof- knowledge of the world who chanced to had penetrated the disguise of the reset eyes on Mr. Spencer Fortescue, of the doubtable Volborth, in close association with whom he had engineered a delicate Quite apart from the ordinary tourist's matter of international haute police three years before. The rising young attache appreciation which marked Mr. Fortescue's | was one of the very few outside the ranks | the Empress was the intended victim." survey of the loungers and passers-by, of the Third Section who knew Volborth in Many a trifling detail of personality or be- his true capacity, and between the two havior, which would have been lost on the there had arisen a firm friendship, which, though they had never met since the completion of their joint service, had been kept alive by a mutually useful correspondence. Each had formed a very high opinion of ceeded the imperial party hither. I have the other's absolute secrecy, and they In a minute or two Volborth returned and seated himself at the table, using gestures in conformity with his dress, but

> wall behind us," he said. "Before you say gencies. But listen while I sketch the a word Spencer, tell me how you spotted situation. There is one connection in which me. I flattered myself that the make-up you might enlighten me."

"Quite perfect-if you could only control

the droop of that left eyelid," said For tescue, passing his cigarette case, which, however, Volborth waved away in favor celving a trace of real annoyance on his of circumstances' that gave you away. I dare say I should not have noticed the droop of the lid if this had not been more or less a Russian function, and Paul Voiborth therefore the most natural person in the world for me to expect to see here. Now it's my turn. Why did you start at the sight of me? "Do you mean to say that you cannot

guess?" said Volborth, puffing his pipe between each word as though to the manner born. "No? Well, with that beard you are the very counterfeit of my august sovereign, the Tsar. The difference is perceptible at close quarters, but at a little distance the resemblance is amazing." "An undoubted honor, but a doubtful advantage," laughed Fortescue. "And now, old collaborator," he added with a quick change to gravity, "is this tour running smoothly? I know you won't tell me more

than you ought, but your presence here in advance seems to signify trouble. "Yes, there is trouble-bad trouble," was the reply. "They nearly scored in Vienna, And-this is very secret, Spencer-Lobanot is to be credited to their account, though "I am not surprised," said Fortescue, after a pause. "I saw the hand of the section in the meagerness of detail supplied to the press. And you fear further attempts?

"Unquestionably. That is why, I prolearned enough during the trip to know that the ground selected for the attempts has been occupied and prepared by the agents beforehand, and I thought that I might be of more use here than in doing plunging into conversation in his natural ordinary police work on the journey from Kieff. My next in command has full in-"We cannot be overheard with this blank | structions how to act in certain contin-

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